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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant      | : | Ivo Raaijmakers et al.                           |
| Appl. No.      | : | 09/658,784                                       |
| Filed          | : | September 11, 2000                               |
| For            | : | LOADLOCK WITH<br>INTEGRATED PRE-CLEAN<br>CHAMBER |
| Examiner       | : | Rudy Zervigon                                    |
| Group Art Unit | : | 1763   |

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments which place the claims in better form for consideration for Appeal, notice of which was filed on December 12, 2003.

After entry of this amendment, Claims 61, 67 and 103-116 remain pending.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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## AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

(X) Amendment After Final in 5 pages.

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| Total Claims       | 16 - 74 = 0 | 1202 (\$18) | 0 x 18 =             | \$0        |
| Independent Claims | 2 - 9 = 0   | 1201 (\$86) | 0 x 86 =             | \$0        |
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